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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case and prior to calculation of the filing fee, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

After the title please insert the following paragraph:

—The present application is the national stage
under 35 U.S.C. 371 of PCT/US99/13615, filed 17 June 1999 --

IN THE CLAIMS

Delete claims 9-14.